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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Wilfried Erb et al.

Appln. No.: 10/554,456

Filed: October 24, 2005

Int'l Filing Date: April 1, 2004

For: NON-WOVEN MAT, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF AND FIBRE  
COMPOSITE

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 1731

Conf. No. 9107

Attorney Docket No: 12944/003

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pgs.); Required Return Copy – Not. Miss. Req. (2 pgs.); Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pgs.); Disclosure of Prior Art (2 pgs.); PTO-1449 (1 pg.); Copies of References (7 references)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

Fee calculation:

- ☒ Additional fee for Notification of Missing Requirements (\$180.00).
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:


- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$180.00. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Date

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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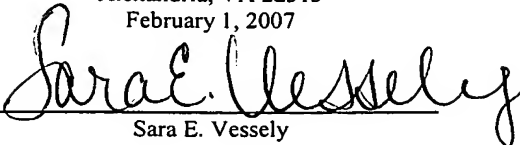
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Case No. 12944/003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Wilfried Erb et al.

Serial No.: 10/554,456

Attention: Manager,  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated January 26, 2007, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- ☒ Applicant:
  - ☐ claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.
  - ☒ is other than small entity


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- ☒ Fees totaling \$180.00 for:
- ☐ Filing Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$50.00.
- ☐ Search Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Examination Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Extension of Time Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Application Size Fee (for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets, including specification and drawings) of \$ \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in accordance with the attached Transmittal Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/1/07

  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/24/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 10/24/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/24/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/24/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/24/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/24/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/24/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 10/24/2005
- Specification filed on 10/24/2005
- Claims filed on 10/24/2005
- Abstracts filed on 10/24/2005
- Drawings filed on 10/24/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$50 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:

- is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$180** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 50**
  - **\$50** for 14 total claims over 20.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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#### PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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